

HANDOUT 1

PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM:

Funding, Accountability,
and Facility Maintenance
in Arkansas School
Districts



Division of Public School
Academic Facilities and
Transportation



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Overview of the District Master Plan



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Why the District Master Plan is Important

- Required by Arkansas Code § 6-21-806
- Assists school districts in planning for Warm, Safe, and Dry (WSD) System Replacement projects including HVAC, electrical, roofing, and other building systems
- Assists school districts in planning for new/replacement buildings and additions
- Partnership projects must be in the school district's Master Plan to be eligible for the State Partnership Program

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District Master Plan Process

- Districts must create six-year plans to remediate academic facility deficiencies and submits them by February 1 of every even year.
- Narrative analyzes and condition surveys inform facility needs
- Involves data entry, public hearing, and board approval
- Web-based tool facilitates submission and updates of the Master Plan

Master Plan/Partnership Program
Two-Year Cycle

DATE	MILESTONE	DISTRICT	DIVISION
ODD YEAR			
February 1	Preliminary Master Plan		
May 1	Partnership Program Project List		
EVEN YEAR			
February 1	Final Master Plan		
March 1	Partnership Program Project Applications		
September 1	Final Master Plan Approval / Non-Approval		

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Overview of the Academic Facilities Partnership Program

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Purpose and Scope of the Partnership Program

Program Purpose: The program assists school districts with new construction projects to meet adequate educational facility requirements.

State Financial Participation: State provides payments to school districts for approved and funded new construction projects to improve academic facilities.

Scope of Construction: Includes new facilities, additions, and improvements that raise facility condition and efficiency beyond existing levels.

Exclusions: The program does not provide assistance for routine maintenance.

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Partnership Application Process for Funding

- Three types of Partnership project applications: Warm, Safe, Dry Space Replacement; Warm, Safe, Dry System Replacement; and Space.
- Partnership project applications are submitted to the Division every two years, due on March 1, of every even year.
- The Division reviews Partnership project applications for approval.
- Approved Partnership projects are submitted to the Commission for Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation to award funding.
- Funding is awarded by the Commission every year in late spring.

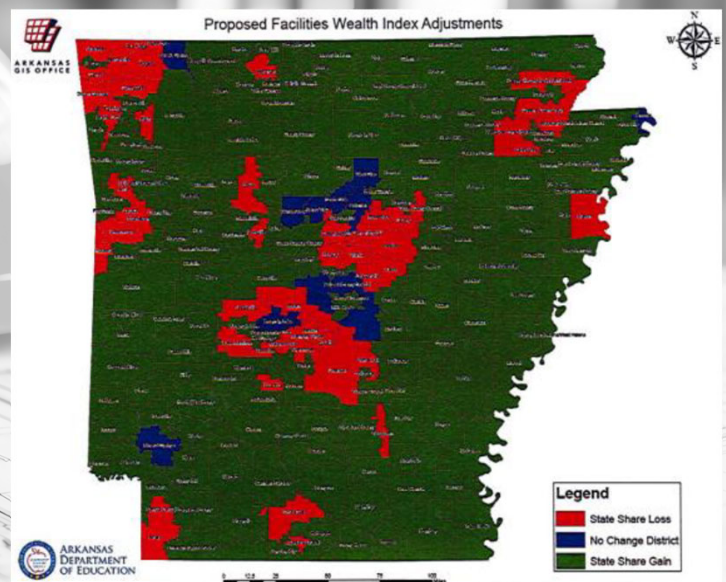
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Changes made in the Academic Facilities Wealth Index (Act 1080 of 2019)

- 2019-2021 Cycle Previous Wealth Index
- 2021-2023 Easing Period One-half of gain/loss of Full Wealth Index calculation
- 2023-2025 Revised Wealth Index Relative Medium Income Full Wealth Index calculation



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Accountability Measures

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Changes Made to Partnership Rules/Statute

- **Enrollment Projections:** District enrollment projections are no longer used because of a history of inflated projections.
- **Facility Condition Index (FCI):** To be eligible for state financial participation in a warm, safe, and dry (WSD) space replacement project, the FCI must be 65% or greater.
- **Require Proof for WSD Systems Projects:** Arkansas Code § 6-20-2507(b)(2)(B) requires that a school district submit “proof of the need to replace the equipment or other item”.

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Consequences of Non-Compliance in Facility Projects

Financial Repayment: The Division may require full or partial repayment of any state financial participation in the facility if the funded facility spaces are not being utilized entirely for academic instruction.

Project Disapproval: Submission of inaccurate Program of Requirements (PORs), including incorrect building sizes, inaccurate reporting of existing spaces, and inaccurate existing campus size, may be grounds for project disapproval.

Lack of Preventive Maintenance: If a district does not complete and document all required preventive maintenance inspections, its projects may be moved to the bottom of the project ranking list.

Recapture of Funds: The division shall rescind, recapture, or both, program funds if the project is found not to have been built to approved plans and specifications.

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Division Coordination with Other State Agencies

Comprehensive Inspection Coverage

Inspections include both regularly scheduled and additional inspections mandated by state agencies.

State Agency Collaboration

The Division works closely with multiple state agencies that require state mandated inspections to ensure compliance.

Documentation and Follow-up

Inspection notices are filed and issues tracked until resolved within the school districts.

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Facility Maintenance

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Computerized Maintenance Management System

Use of CMMS Tool

District staff use state Computerized Maintenance Management System to track and improve facility maintenance.

Training and Support

Training is provided both face-to-face and online to enhance district skills using the CMMS effectively.

Transition to New CMMS

The state transitioned to a new vendor, Operations Hero, to improve maintenance management beginning in 2023-2024.

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Random Inspections

Required by Arkansas Code § 6-21-813(a)

- Roofs
- Exit Lights
- HVAC System
- Hot Water Boilers & Heaters
- Doors / Windows
- Emergency Lighting
- Grounds Maintenance
- Kitchen / Equipment
- Playground Equipment
- Fire Sprinkler Systems
- Elevators & Wheelchair Lifts
- Interior / Exterior Finishes
- Compliance (Fire Lanes, Bus/Car Unloading Areas)
- Shop Equipment
- Plumbing
- Fire Safety
- Electrical System
- Interior / Exterior Lighting
- Floor Coverings
- Fire Extinguishers
- Fire Alarm
- Stairwells
- Athletic Field Maintenance
- Kitchen Hood Vent / Suppression Systems
- Masonry & Concrete Building Exteriors
- Sidewalks, Driveways, Parking Areas, & Paved Play Areas
- Storage Areas
- Hallways / Classrooms / Offices
- Restrooms
- Gymnasiums / Locker Rooms

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State Mandated Inspections

Required by Arkansas Code § 6-21-813(e)(1).

Scope of Inspections

Inspections cover fire prevention, boilers, electrical systems, HVAC, gas piping, plumbing, etc.

Tracking

CMMS (Computerized Maintenance Management System) is used to track State Mandated Inspections.

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Reporting and Documentation of Inspection Results

Inspection Reporting Process

State agencies report inspection or code violations to the Division for further action by school districts.

Work Order Creation and Closure

School districts create, complete, and close work orders in the CMMS to remediate reported issues.

Verification and Follow-up Inspections

Division staff conduct maintenance and visual inspections to confirm issue resolution, sometimes with responsible agencies present.

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School Districts Receiving Partnership Funding

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2023-2025 Approved Partnership Projects

2023-2025 Approved Partnership Projects

	Project #	District	Project Name	State Financial Participation	Date Funded
Space Year 1	2324-4502-001	Yellville-Summit	HS classroom addition	\$2,031,978.61	May 8, 2023
Space Year 1	2324-7201-001	Elkins	M/S Addition	\$2,638,810.69	May 8, 2023
Space Year 1	2324-3306-002	Izard Co.	ICC ES Addition	\$1,358,885.90	May 8, 2023
Space Year 1	2324-3306-003	Izard Co.	ICC HS Addition	\$1,005,352.67	May 8, 2023
Space Year 1	2324-1613-001	Riverside	West ES Addition	\$1,953,166.20	May 8, 2023
Space Year 1	2324-7504-001	Dardanelle	HS - Construct Agriculture/ALE Building	\$1,360,983.98	May 8, 2023
Space Year 1	2324-1305-001	Cleveland Co.	Rison HS Cafeteria Dining Expansion	\$339,328.70	May 8, 2023
Space Year 1	2324-6502-001	Greenwood	Chaffee New ES	\$4,073,949.25	May 8, 2023
Space Year 1	2324-1804-001	Marion	New K-6 Magnet	\$5,878,077.11	May 8, 2023
Space Year 1	2324-6303-101	Bryant	JHS Additions Phase 2	\$1,321,642.85	May 8, 2023
Space Year 1	2324-2605-001	Lake Hamilton	HS Gym Conversion	\$689,127.24	May 8, 2023
	Project #	District	Project Name	State Financial Participation	
WSD Year 1	2324-3804-001	Hoxie	New K-6 Elementary School	\$14,941,562.98	May 8, 2023
WSD Year 1	2324-4702-005	Blytheville	HS Roofs Renovations	\$603,939.41	May 8, 2023
WSD Year 1	2324-2903-001	Hopk	Yarger JHS Gym WSD Systems Replacement	\$652,208.81	May 8, 2023
WSD Year 1	2324-1803-001	West Memphis	HS HVAC Renovation	\$7,730,153.52	May 8, 2023
WSD Year 1	2324-4801-001	Brinkley	Replace HS	\$16,929,399.85	July 20, 2023
WSD Year 1	2324-5608-001	East Poinsett County	New 7-12	\$8,454,698.68	May 8, 2023
WSD Year 1	2324-4801-002	Brinkley	Replace ES - Partee ES	\$7,730,153.52	May 8, 2023
WSD Year 1	2324-1002-103	Arkadelphia	Replace HS	\$16,929,399.85	July 20, 2023
WSD Year 1	2324-6002-001	North Little Rock	M/S Demo and Addition	\$20,871,050.33	July 20, 2023
WSD Year 1	2324-6201-001	Forrest City	JHS HVAC Renovations	\$3,729,905.45	September 20, 2023
WSD Year 1	2324-1101-001	Conning	New HS Space Replacement	\$12,813,728.84	September 20, 2023
WSD Year 1	2324-7001-002	El Dorado	New ES - Replace Youcum ES and Barton JHS	\$6,098,079.02	September 20, 2023
WSD Year 1	2324-3510-001	White Hall	Hardin ES Roof Renovations	\$486,356.43	September 20, 2023
WSD Year 1	2324-7206-200	Prairie Grove	JHS Replace 5th/6th Grade Building	\$3,019,749.81	September 20, 2023
WSD Year 1	2324-3211-001	Midland	HS Space Replacement	\$1,703,310.09	September 20, 2023
WSD Year 1	2324-3510-002	White Hall	Moody ES Roof Renovations	\$690,613.17	April 30, 2024
WSD Year 1	2324-6004-010	Jacksonville-North Pulaski	New ES - Replace Taylor ES	\$7,579,651.49	April 30, 2024
WSD Year 1	2324-7201-002	Elkins	ES Roof	\$581,389.51	April 30, 2024
WSD Year 1	2324-1802-001	Earle	HS Roof Replacement	\$1,756,353.83	April 30, 2024
WSD Year 1	2324-1106-001	Rector	HS Replacement	\$5,804,180.77	April 30, 2024
WSD Year 1	2324-1003-003	Gurdon	Districtwide Fire Alarm Replacement	\$233,736.72	April 30, 2024
WSD Year 1	2324-5403-003	Helena-West Helena	JF Wahl Roof Renovations	\$1,654,533.95	April 30, 2024
WSD Year 1	2324-6502-001	Centerpoint	M/S HS Security Upgrades	\$371,986.13	April 30, 2024
WSD Year 1	2324-7307-003	Riverview	HS JHS Enclosed Corridor	\$244,165.42	April 30, 2024

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WSD Year 1	2324-2307-003	Vilonia	HS Secure Entrance	\$111,127.61	April 30, 2024
WSD Year 1	2324-2703-001	Poyen	HS Security Upgrades	\$354,352.28	April 30, 2024
WSD Year 1	2324-2703-003	Poyen	HS Multi-Purpose Gym Security Upgrades	\$80,379.89	April 30, 2024
WSD Year 1	2324-2703-002	Poyen	ES Security Upgrades	\$301,344.39	April 30, 2024
	Project #	District	Project Name	State Financial Participation	
WSD Year 2	2425-7207-010	Springdale	Jones ES - Replace Buildings	\$7,851,213.85	April 30, 2024
WSD Year 2	2425-7207-016	Springdale	Westwood ES Replace Buildings	\$8,645,666.70	April 30, 2024
WSD Year 2	2425-6601-003	Fort Smith	Howard ES Main Bldg WSD Room	\$345,342.89	April 30, 2024
WSD Year 2	2425-7207-012	Springdale	Elmdale ES - Replace Buildings	\$9,791,807.15	April 30, 2024
WSD Year 2	2425-4301-001	Lonoke	Primary Replacement	\$9,035,260.17	April 30, 2024
WSD Year 2	2425-4605-002	Texarkana	Fairview ES Fire Alarm Replacement	\$55,757.10	April 30, 2024
WSD Year 2	2425-5904-001	Marked Tree	K-2 Space Replacement	\$3,999,373.57	April 30, 2024
WSD Year 2	2425-6303-782	Bryant	ES Systems Replacement	\$3,651,365.74	April 30, 2024
WSD Year 2	2425-6601-002	Fort Smith	Beard ES Main Bldg WSD Roof	\$608,528.62	April 30, 2024
WSD Year 2	2425-6601-004	Fort Smith	NS HS Field House & Science Wing WSD Roof	\$1,069,184.57	April 30, 2024
WSD Year 2	2425-4201-111	Booneville	New JHS WSD Space Replacement	\$10,106,682.77	April 30, 2024
WSD Year 2	2425-7206-201	Prairie Grove	JHS (MS) Roof Replacements	\$399,199.56	April 30, 2024
WSD Year 2	2425-1703-240	Mountainburg	HS Cafeteria Renovations	\$1,172,564.59	April 30, 2024
WSD Year 2	2425-1402-001	Magnolia	East Side ES Building Replacement	\$4,622,373.39	April 30, 2024
WSD Year 2	2425-6601-005	Fort Smith	SSHHS Fine Arts Wing Roof Replacement	\$572,118.44	April 30, 2024
WSD Year 2	2425-1611-012	Nettelton	UK ES Roof Renovations	\$581,630.87	April 30, 2024
WSD Year 2	2425-5301-001	East End	HS Demolition/Addition	\$4,242,439.87	April 30, 2024
WSD Year 2	2425-6601-001	Fort Smith	Baring ES Main Bldg WSD Roof	\$1,001,850.46	April 30, 2024
WSD Year 2	2425-3002-003	Glen Rose	ES M/S HS - Districtwide Security Upgrades	\$764,780.93	April 30, 2024
WSD Year 2	2425-3002-004	Glen Rose	Districtwide Fire Alarm Replacement	\$284,016.35	April 30, 2024
WSD Year 2	2425-7007-001	Parkers Chapel	HVAC Replacement Districtwide	\$657,255.99	April 30, 2024
WSD Year 2	2425-4605-001	Texarkana	Trice ES Fire Alarm Replacement	\$102,953.49	April 30, 2024
WSD Year 2	2425-5904-002	Marked Tree	HS Renovations	\$923,634.49	April 30, 2024
WSD Year 2	2425-5903-001	Kibby	HS ES Roof	\$1,020,834.03	April 30, 2024
WSD Year 2	2425-6302-004	Benton	Replace Roof at Ringgold Elementary School	\$294,338.66	April 30, 2024
WSD Year 2	2425-6302-005	Benton	Replace Roof Benton Middle School	\$1,472,403.13	April 30, 2024
WSD Year 2	2425-5802-001	Dover	HS Gym Roof Overlay	\$339,331.33	April 30, 2024
WSD Year 2	2425-0101-001	DeWitt	Security Camera System - Districtwide	\$257,937.54	April 30, 2024
WSD Year 2	2425-0101-002	DeWitt	ES HVAC Replacement	\$1,955,298.53	April 30, 2024
WSD Year 2	2425-2404-001	Ozark	HS HVAC	\$762,203.70	April 30, 2024

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2025-2027 Approved Partnership Projects

2025-2027 Approved Partnership Projects

	Project #	District	Project Name	State Financial Participation	Date Funded
Space Year 1	2526-6102-001	Maynard School District	Maynard JHS Add (Part 25-27)	\$2,251,174.63	5/16/2025
Space Year 1	2526-1304-002	Woodawn School District	Woodawn Cafeteria Expansion	\$395,326.26	5/16/2025
Space Year 1	2526-1901-001	Cross County School District	Elementary Addition (Part 25-27)	\$1,816,542.22	5/16/2025
Space Year 1	2526-7201-001	Elkins Public Schools	Add classrooms and restrooms to High School	\$1,906,388.20	5/16/2025
Space Year 1	2526-1603-001	Brookland School District	Intermediate School (Part 25-27)	\$5,907,753.88	5/16/2025
Space Year 1	2526-1905-001	Wynne Public Schools	Wynne High School (Part 25-27)	\$20,548,662.82	Tabled by Commission
Space Year 1	2526-7202-001	Farmington School District	New 8-9 JHS	\$4,217,152.31	5/16/2025
Space Year 1	2526-1602-001	Westside Consolidated School District	WC HS Addition (Part 25-27)	\$2,176,736.97	5/16/2025
Space Year 1	2526-6301-105	Baileville School District	Baileville HS - New Cafeteria and Additions	\$2,485,418.91	5/16/2025
Space Year 1	2526-0503-002	Harrison School District	Classroom Expansion to Skyline Elementary	\$834,746.95	5/16/2025
Space Year 1	2526-4605-001	Texarkana School District	PE Building at Fairview	\$854,856.78	5/16/2025
	Project #	District	Project Name	State Financial Participation	
WSD Year 1	2526-5605-001	Trumann School District	MS - Total Systems Replacement	\$4,170,554.07	5/16/2025
WSD Year 1	2526-5102-120	Jasper School District	New Kingston K-12	\$8,219,300.91	5/16/2025
WSD Year 1	2526-4702-001	Blytheville Public Schools	Bly Elan System Renov (Part 25-27)	\$821,074.83	5/16/2025
WSD Year 1	2526-0803-110	Green Forest School District	New High School Building Additions	\$9,990,221.85	5/16/2025
WSD Year 1	2526-6002-002	North Little Rock School District	NLR Academy - Roof, HVAC and Structure	\$273,889.68	5/16/2025
WSD Year 1	2526-3904-001	Lee County School District	Lee Co. New K-12 (Part 25-27)	\$18,196,871.59	5/16/2025
WSD Year 1	2526-6505-110	Ozark Mountain School District	New K-12 Inclusive School w/ Gym	\$18,056,253.14	5/16/2025
WSD Year 1	2526-6103-001	Pocahontas School District	Replace HS Buildings - Cafeteria, Gym, Classrooms	\$7,485,558.65	5/16/2025
WSD Year 1	2526-4001-003	Little Rock School District	Pulaski Heights HS and ES HVAC Renovation	\$2,362,594.05	5/16/2025
WSD Year 1	2526-1002-003	Arkadelphia School District	Replace High School	\$19,036,446.73	5/16/2025
WSD Year 1	2526-6701-001	De Queen School District	Replace Elementary roof	\$1,381,079.34	5/16/2025
WSD Year 1	2526-6001-004	Little Rock School District	Forest Park ES HVAC	\$461,645.99	5/16/2025
WSD Year 1	2526-4001-012	Little Rock School District	Watson ES Fire Alarm	\$60,575.07	5/16/2025
WSD Year 1	2526-6302-001	Bryant Public Schools	Bryant ES - Replace Building 31	\$11,448,094.38	7/15/2025
WSD Year 1	2526-1803-001	West Memphis School District	Fault Roof Renovations (Part 25-27)	\$841,340.79	7/15/2025
WSD Year 1	2526-0303-120	Mountain Home School District	New Roof at Guy Berry	\$713,561.60	7/15/2025
WSD Year 1	2526-2705-001	Sheridan Public Schools	New East End ES (Part 25-27)	\$11,592,181.71	7/15/2025
WSD Year 1	2526-4001-009	Little Rock School District	Hall HS Fire Alarm	\$236,777.68	7/15/2025
WSD Year 1	2526-6001-008	Little Rock School District	Otter Creek ES Fire Alarm Replacement	\$50,512.86	7/15/2025
WSD Year 1	2526-7009-002	Strong-Hubbard School District	HS Add HVAC to New Gym (HS)	\$361,150.49	7/15/2025
WSD Year 1	2526-5106-112	Deer Mt. Judea School District	HVAC AT Mt. Judea Gym (HS)	\$703,433.27	7/15/2025
WSD Year 1	2526-1803-003	West Memphis School District	Richland Roof Renovations (Part 25-27)	\$565,388.15	7/15/2025
WSD Year 1	2526-4708-001	Gosnell School District	New 3-6 Cafeteria (25-27 Part)	\$2,891,212.39	7/15/2025
WSD Year 1	2526-5901-010	Des Arc Public Schools	New Senior High School Addition and Demolition	\$7,433,924.07	7/21/2025
WSD Year 1	2526-0701-002	Hampton School District	Elementary HVAC Replacement-ES	\$134,169.72	7/21/2025

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